On page 30, line 4, please delete "A detailed definition of each buffer table appears in the appendix."

On page 31, line 36, please delete "See the appendix for a detailed definition of the tables."

On page 32, line 44, please delete "See the appendix for a detailed definition of the table."

On page 34, line 23, please delete "See the appendix for a detailed definition of the table."

On page 40, line 41, please delete "See the appendix for a detailed definition of the table."

On page 47, line 11, please delete "See the appendix for a detailed definition of the table."

On page 64, line 44-45, please delete "The structure of the tables in which the data resides and the field names and types is described in the appendix."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for designing a virtual kanban system usable with a manufacturing execution system comprising:

means for inputting a plurality of operating requirement parameters to define a kanban system model;

